THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 21st January 1950.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven thirty-five of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

The Hon. Sri G. V. Mavalankar, Speaker of the Indian Parliament visited the House. He was seated on the dais by the side of the Hon. the President.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Grants to aided colleges.

* 116 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the conditions governing grants to aided colleges are;

(*b*) whether the Government insist on payment of certain scales of salaries and allowances and observance of certain conditions of employment as in the case of aided elementary and high schools;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that in many of the colleges these scales and conditions are honoured more in the breach than in observance;

(*d*) whether the Association of University Teachers has held conferences and communicated its resolutions to the Government; and

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative, what action, if any, has been taken on those representations?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) The conditions governing grants to aided colleges are contained in Chapters I and II of the Grant-in-Aid Code and their main aspects are—

(1) every college on behalf of which aid is sought shall be under the management of one or more persons recognized by the Department;

(2) the college should be affiliated to the University;

(3) the college shall be open to members of all communities;

(4) the manager or teachers employed in such colleges should not take part in political agitation directed against the authority of Government; and

(5) the previous permission of the Director of Public Instruction should be obtained for opening the courses or the institution as the case may be.

" (*b*) Scales of pay and conditions of service of teachers in aided colleges are matters in which the University gives the necessary guidance to the institutions direct and the Government

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have had no occasion to interfere. The Government have passed orders insisting on the payment of dearness allowance at Government rates.

"(c) Complaints have been received from individual teachers and teachers' associations to this effect. The University has also recorded in its report (1946-47) that the conditions of service in some of the private colleges are not calculated to promote either contentment or efficiency among the members of the staff.

"(d) & (e) The Association of University Teachers raised this question and requested the Government to interfere in the matter. Copies of the resolutions passed at the Conference of the Association were also communicated to Government by the Secretary of the Association. The matters raised by the Association are mainly for the University to consider. The authorities of the University are taking the necessary action in the matter. The Government are also examining the question of the action to be taken."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—"May I know, Sir, if funds permitted, would the Government be willing to contribute more to private institutions for education which is the primary responsibility of the State?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"Even with all the limitations of funds we are contributing the maximum possible."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—"Are the Government aware that the lapses of the managements of private institutions, namely, non-payment or delayed payment of salaries of teachers, are due mainly to the poor contributions made by the Government to these institutions?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"I cannot subscribe to that as a general proposition, but there are cases where private managements are not able to meet all the demands that are made on them. There are certain fixed rules about grants which we are giving with as much liberality as possible."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"Have the Government fixed any scales of salaries to be paid by these aided institutions to teachers?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"The question relates to colleges and the University has fixed scales of salaries for collegiate teachers."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"Have the Government made any enquiry as to whether the managements of these aided institutions are paying the salaries which the University has fixed?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"I would refer the hon. Member to the answer which I have already given to clauses (c), (d) and (e) of the question. We have received complaints and the University also has received complaints

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and they have enquired into the matter and directed the institutions concerned to comply with the requirements of the University."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, what action the Government have taken in cases where they have found that the rules have been infringed by the managements?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" They have not infringed the rules framed by the Government and Government are absolutely out of court in regard to colleges which are only under the control of the University."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know, what the Government mean by political activities?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" My Friend may refer to a good dictionary."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Would the Government consider the question of revising the contributions made by the Government to these institutions and increase them?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" As I said, the contributions are regulated by certain rules in regard to aided institutions. In respect of most of the aided institutions we are contributing two-thirds of the net cost; even in the case of colleges in regard to building grants we are giving a much bigger grant. Certainly, funds permitting we shall consider the question of increase of expenditure in regard to particular colleges which require more."

Leases of vacant sites in Eluru town on the banks of the Krishna Canal.

* 117 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any short or long term leases of the vacant sites situated on the south and northern banks of the Krishna Canal abutting the Grand Trunk Road passing through the heart of the Eluru town have been granted at nominal rates and if so, to whom and at what rentals and for what purposes;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that pukka buildings of a permanent nature have been constructed over all the said sites and rented out at exhorbitantly high monthly rentals for commercial purposes;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that by free and indiscriminate grants on short or long term leases for the said commercial purposes the Grand Trunk road is narrowed down causing a lot of inconvenience, annoyance and trouble to pedestrians, and vehicular traffic, such as lorries, buses, cars, jutkas and rickshaws, etc., plying for hire on the Grand Trunk road in Eluru town; and

(*d*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of auctioning all such public sites for rent?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes. Twelve plots and eleven box stalls are leased out on the left